Dear friend,

Greetings of love and peace from Father Ben Chinnappan. I pray that you and your family are doing well during this unprecedented time. The past year has been a time of deep hardship and struggle for all of us. And yet we stand today with a profound sense of hope, in the vaccines that will be capable of delivering us from the darkness of pandemic. I gratefully thank our front-line workers who are putting their lives in the line of duty. This pandemic taught all of us one thing that we're human and we need God. No matter what you're going through, you still have a chance to say thanks to God. Simply because, you are still breathing. As this year is our 21st anniversary, I would like to share the joy of how our programs are impacting those who are poor and marginalized. I credit all our success to God Almighty and am so grateful to Him for inspiring your generosity, kindness, and above all, your prayers. I wish you and your family a Blessed Easter and thank you for your continuous support.

Have a Blessed Easter!
BATTLE AGAINST COVID IN INDIA

As we continue the battle against the COVID-19, I pray for all those who lost their lives and for those who are recovering. I am immensely happy and grateful that you have reached out to people with compassion during this challenging time. What a blessing you have been in a special way to India! With the second-largest population on Earth, India is home to one-third of all world poverty. The United Nations says that one third of the world’s extreme poor – people who earn less than $2 a day – live in India. I consider that this outreach is something beautiful for God. For the two decades, Dalit Solidarity has served as a lifeline to those living at the fringes of society and those who are at the bottom for more than two decades. Thank you for making a difference!

EDUCATION AT ST. PATRICK’S

For many children in India, school is just a dream. Caught in the cycle of poverty and exploitation, they are lost to education, and therefore, opportunities in life. Education is the key to providing children with the knowledge, and skills to earn a living leading to a healthier, more productive life. We believe every human being should have opportunities to succeed in life.

St. Patrick’s school has been a beacon of hope and source of blessings to many poor children who are victims of poverty and circumstances. We provide them with the opportunity to obtain a quality secondary education. Since March 2020, the children have endured much stress and uncertainty due to the indefinite shutdown and closure of the school. Children have been experiencing trauma and nightmares due to the lockdown and isolation. Our teachers have engaged these children with online classes. Your support has been very vital in educating hundreds of children who are mostly from very poor families.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

We take of both the local communities and individual members to live a healthy life. During this pandemic, we offer health education, medical camps and counseling to those who have been traumatized. We provide health care training in nursing and medical lab to adults towards certification. With the help of our local clinic, we provide basic health services to the poor and marginalized at affordable price.

GIFT OF EDUCATION

SPONSOR A CHILD $30 PER MONTH
$360 PER YEAR
**DRINKING WATER TO THE GYPSIES**

Water gives hope to the gypsies, the Least of the Last. The tribals are the marginalized and stigmatized community in India. These families face discrimination that translates into low education, low economic status and lack of appropriate access to health care. As they lacked drinking water for a long time, a bore-well was now drilled for them with a tank. They do not own anything other than their own children whom they consider as their own valubales.

**ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Love has no limits and boundaries. It will travel as far as you let it. We reached out to children and widows around Jaffna and Mannar in Sri Lanka and shared our love and care to the poor. Poverty and unemployment is quite shocking and beyond one's comprehension. The devastation of the civil war is still visible and poignant. We distributed clothes, blankets and school supplies in January 2021 to the deserving. We will continue this mission of hope and comfort to the suffering Tamils of the Island.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

The Home for the Aged is God's solidarity with the poor and an assurance of His providence. The poor have no place to go other than depend on others for their survival. They are at the mercy of others. The families consider them as burdensome. Just before the Lent, we have opened a soup kitchen to provide both shelter and food to keep them warm. We have opened a new home for the aged to give them food and dignity and hope. This is great way of living the gospel proclaimed in Mt 25:31-40.

**PLEASE REMEMBER DALIT SOLIDARITY IN YOUR WILL OR LIVING TRUST**

**EMPOWER WIDOWS**

SUPPORT A WIDOW WITH A COW $600
AND TWO GOATS $300
We would be grateful if you can help us to bring joy and hope in the lives of the marginalized. Please extend your help and support to many more who are suffering greatly because of the world-wide pandemic. You and I have a precious opportunity to reach out a helping hand, that will literally save lives and instill new hope in thousands of people. All donations to Dalit Solidarity are tax-deductible. **Please, won't you join us in sending a refreshing wave of prayers, love and aid their direction?**

Through your generosity and kindness to our 501(c)3 tax-exempt charity, you give the poor a chance to break through generational cycles of poverty and oppression. All donations to Dalit Solidarity are tax-deductible.

You can also donate online securely at www.dalitsolidarity.org. Please forward your enquiry to Dalit Solidarity, P.O.Box 178995, San Diego, CA 92177 or call us at 708-612-4248 or email at dalitsolidarity@gmail.com. Thank you and **May God richly bless you for answering God's greatest commandment -- to love.**

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